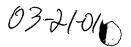
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# CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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Filing Date	June 24, 1998	
First Named Inventor	Roberto J. Rioja	_
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This is a Request for Continued Fig.	97–2301	
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 established RCE practice.		
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#### **AMENDMENT**

March 20, 2001

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Please enter the following Amendment.

#### In the Claims

## Please amend Claims 1 and 12 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) An aluminum alloy consisting essentially of from about 3 to about 4.5 wt % copper, from about 1.0 to about 2 wt % magnesium and from about 0.01 to about 0.99 wt % lithium, wherein the copper, magnesium and lithium are present in the aluminum alloy in the form of a solid solution, and the amounts of copper and magnesium correspond to the formula Cu (-3/5.4) (Mg-6)+1.5.

12. (Twice amended) An aluminum alloy consisting essentially of copper, magnesium and lithium, the lithium content being from about 0.01 to 0.99 wt % and the copper and magnesium weight percent values falling within a closed area on a graph with wt % copper on the x-axis and wt % magnesium on the y-axis, said closed area being bounded by generally straight lines joining the following points: